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E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, NATO  
SUBJECT: MBFR: UNIT DISAGGREGATION  
SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE REPORTS A SUGGESTED UK MODIFICATION  
OF THE ORIGINAL FRG PROPOSAL FOR UNIT DISAGGREGATION. UK  
DELEGATION GAVE IT TO US AND FRG DELEGATION ON INSTRUCTIONS.  
UK DELEGATION NOTED UK INTEREST IN LEARNING WHAT  
MODIFICATIONS THE US MIGHT PROPOSE TO THE FRG ON THE  
ORIGINAL FRG PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

1. UK DELEGATION OFFICER (JANVRIN) ON INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED  
US AND THE FRG DELEGATION A SUGGESTED BREAKDOWN OF  
UNIT DATA, WHICH REPRESENTS THE UK'S CURRENT THINKING.  
THE BREAKDOWN WAS PREPARED IN THE MOD. THE UK BELIEVES  
STRONGLY THAT THE MAJOR GROUND FORCE UNITS LISTED SHOULD  
HAVE NATIONAL DESIGNATIONS, AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE A  
LISTING BY NATIONALITY OF OTHER GROUND FORCE MANPOWER  
NOT INCLUDED IN THE MAJOR UNITS. THE UK WISHES  
DISAGGREGATION INITIALLY DOWN TO THE CORPS LEVEL (OR ARMY  
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LEVEL FOR THE PACT), SINCE THIS MIGHT BE MORE ACCEPTABLE  
TO THE PACT, AND MORE DEFENSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, THAN THE  
BREAKDOWN ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED BY THE FRG. ALSO IN THE  
INTEREST OF ACCEPTABILITY TO THE EAST, THE UK BREAKDOWN  
DOES NOT LIST INDEPENDENT DIVISIONS SEPARATELY, BUT  
INCLUDES THEM UNDER THE OTHER FORCES CATEGORY, SO THAT  
THERE WOULD BE NO REFERENCE TO DIVISIONS IN THE INITIAL

PROPOSAL. THE UK ALSO BELIEVES THAT AIR MANPOWER SHOULD BE DISAGGREGATED IN SOME WAY, BUT IS NOT SURE HOW THIS SHOULD BE DONE.

2. JANVRIN NOTED THAT THE UK IS STILL VERY FLEXIBLE ON THE SPECIFICS OF THE SUGGESTED BREAKDOWN. HE NOTED THE UK'S INTEREST IN KNOWING WHAT MODIFICATIONS THE US MIGHT PROPOSE TO THE FRG ON THE ORIGINAL FRG PROPOSAL ON UNIT DISAGGREGATION. HE TH-UGHT LONDON WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN US VIEWS ON HOW TO DISAGGREGATE AIR MANPOWER.

3. THE UK BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS.

BEGIN UK TEXT:

DATA WHICH THE WEST WOULD NEED TO TABLE

#### FIELD CORPS

DESCRIPTION	NATIONALITY	MANPOWER
4TH MECHANIZED BRIGADE	CANADIAN	2,927(1)

1 CORPS	BRITISH	46,929
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V CORPS	US	49,417
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VII CORPS	US	62,731
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1 CORPS	BELGIAN	33,886
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I CORPS	FRG	112,938
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II CORPS	FRG	72,678
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III CORPS	FRG	72,729
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1 CORPS	NETHERLANDS	38,160(2)
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----- TOTAL 492,395

OTHER ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL IN THE AREA

NATIONALITY	MANPOWER
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CANADIAN	1,000
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UK	12,438 (INCL. BERLIN GARRISON)
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US 81,406 (INCL. BERLIN GARRISON)

BELGIAN 31,576

FRG 82,662

LUXEMBOURG 580

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NETHERLANDS 29,070(2)

- - - - TOTAL 238,732

GRAND TOTAL 731,127

(1) ALL CANADIAN FORCES COULD BE ALLOCATED TO QUOTE OTHER  
ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL IN THE AREA UNQUOTE.

(2) ASSUMES THAT 5,800 PERSONNEL QUOTE ON SHORT LEAVE  
UNQUOTE ARE EQUALLY ALLOCATED BETWEEN FIELD UNITS AND  
OTHER PERSONNEL.

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FIELD ARMIES

DESCRIPTION	NATIONALITY	NATO ESTIMATE
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1 GUARDS TANK ARMY	USSR	64,000
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2 GUARDS TANK ARMY	USSR	57,000
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3 SHOCK ARMY	USSR	57,000
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8 GUARDS ARMY	USSR	63,000
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20 GUARDS ARMY	USSR	50,000
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ARMY (MILITARY DISTRICT III) EAST GERMAN		37,000
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ARMY (MILITARY DISTRICT V) EAST GERMAN		39,000
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1ST ARMY	POLISH	56,000
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2ND ARMY	POLISH	54,000
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3RD ARMY	POLISH	20,000
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1ST ARMY	CZECH	43,000
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4TH ARMY	CZECH	37,000
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----- TOTAL 577,000

OTHER ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL IN THE AREA

NATIONALITY	NATO ESTIMATE
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USSR	185,000
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EAST GERMAN	29,000
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POLISH	100,000
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CZECHOSLOVAKIA	71,000
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- TOTAL 385,000

- GRAND TOTAL 962,000

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